(d) The amount of surplus for the last three years are as under:—

(Rs. in crore)

Year	1993-94	1994-95	1995-96
Amount	1806.08	2446.40	2871.63

Fare on Konkan rail line 779. SHRI M.A. BABY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the news-item that the passenger fare on the Konkan line would be more than prevalent charges on other routes;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) the role of the Ministry in fixing the tariff; and

(d) the proposed fare between Mangalore and Bombay?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. The Ministry of Railways has fixed the tariff. The increased fares are on account of 40% inflation in distance for charge. The inflation was imposed with a view to realise remunerative return and to enable the Konkan Railway Corporation to repay the huge market borrowings and to meet its high operational and administrative expenses.

(d) The proposed fare between Mangalore and Bombay will be as under:—

Class	Amount of fare
1. 2nd Class mail/express	Rs. 188/-
2. Sleeper Class	Rs. 247/-
3. 1st Class	Rs. 876/-
4. 2nd AC Sleeper	Rs. 1147/-
5. 1st AC	Rs. 1999/-

Popularity of Cash Crops

780. SHRI JAGIR SINGH DARD:
DR. SHRIKANT RAMCHANDRA JICHKAR:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the cash crops which are more popular in our country;

(b) whether encouragement of these crops fits in our agricultural policy;

(c) the strategy of Government in the area of cash crops; and

(d) the steps being taken to implement the strategy?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA): (a) Cotton, jute, mesta, oilseeds, sugarcane, tobacco, cashew, spices, fruits & vegetables are popular cash crops in our country.

(b) Draft Agriculture Policy envisages encouragement of all types of crops, especially Horticultural crops which improve economic returns for the fanners.

(c) and (d) A number of Centrally Sponsored Schemes have been implemented during the Eighth Five Year Plan. Under these Schemes, steps have been taken for transferring technology through field demonstrations and training of fanners and supply of critical inputs such as seeds, farm implements etc. The names of the schemes and the amounts released to various States and implementing Agencies under major crops oriented programmes during first four years of Eighth Plan is as under:

(Rs. in lakh)

S. No.	Name of the Scheme	Amount released (from 1992-93 to 1995-
1.	Sustainable development of sugarcane based cropping systems	3026
2.	Intensive Cotton Development Programme	3751
3.	Special Jute Development Programme	672
4.	Oilseed Production Programme	33533
5.	Oil Palm Development Programme	5992
6.	Integrated Development Programme for Spices	7871
7.	Integrated Development of Cashewnut	3021
8.	Integrated Development Programme for Tropical Temperate and Arid Zone fruits	4848
9.	Production & Supply of Vegetable - seeds	1107
	Total	63821